

The manufacturing of methamphetamine should scare you. But how much do you really know about it? For years we have taken steps to combat the growing meth epidemic, but each year we are setting new records for meth lab incidents. Kentucky ranks fourth nationally, and that's unacceptable. Children are unknowingly being contaminated at school; toxic chemicals are discarded and become a public health nightmare. Taxpayers spend millions of dollars on uncompensated medical care for victims of meth lab explosions. The simplicity of the manufacturing process puts us all at risk.

Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Operation UNITE, the Kentucky State Police and the Kentucky Narcotics Officers' Association, along with many others, have joined forces to help combat the educational shortcomings

across the state with respect to methamphetamine production. This joint effort has taken on a new life, in the form of a project called One Step Misery. One Step Misery is a campaign designed to equip individuals with the resources necessary to educate their community on the dangers of methamphetamine.

Newspapers, as well as radio and television broadcasts, carry stories daily of methamphetamine related issues. ABC produced a mini-series entitled, "So Much Meth," which started airing in May addressing issues such as the chemicals used in production, smurfing and law enforcement efforts to uncover illegal labs. The segment airing on ABC News Special Report alluded to the fact that methamphetamine production is putting a huge strain on law enforcement and asked the question, "Why isn't more being done on either the state or federal level to help with the problem?" >>

Methamphetamine Lab Response for Kentucky

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